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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The question was discussed thoroughly by the Ministers who were present, but no conclusion was arrived at."

Government Milk Factory, Madras.

* 511 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the cost of running the Government Milk Factory at Madras;

(*b*) the number of staff and labourers in the factory now;

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House, a copy of the report of the Expert Committee constituted in 1953 to examine the working and the future of the Government Milk Factory; and

(*d*) whether the Government have directed that there need be no compulsion in regard to the use of the reconstituted milk in hotels?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Rs. 3,41,828.

" (*b*) Staff—17.

Labourers (mazdoors, etc.)—23.

" (*c*) Printed copy of the report [a] of the Expert Committee is placed on the table of the House. The Government are still considering the recommendations made in the report.

" (*d*) Yes."

Chillies research stations.

* 513 *Q.*—SRI K. PARTHASARATHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of the research stations engaged in research work relating to chillies; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to open a chillies research station near Tiruvannamalai?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Research work relating to chillies is being done at the Agricultural Research Station at Koilpatti and Taliparamba.

" (*b*) The answer is in the negative."

Sago and tapioca cultivation.

* 514 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have deputed any officer to go to Malaya to study the method of cultivation of sago and tapioca there; and

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 678–719 infra.